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WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2008 Homeland Security Grant Awards

On July 25, 2008, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced FFY 2008 grant awards under a number of its homeland security grant programs, including the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Program and State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP). UASI funding for the Los Angeles/Long Beach urban area dropped from \$72,580,000 in FFY 2007 to \$70,402,500, the same three percent decrease experienced by 42 other urban areas which received UASI grants in FFY 2007. Only three urban areas received funding increases -- the Houston area received a 50 percent funding increase while the Bay Area and New York City area received small percentage increases. There are 14 urban areas which are receiving UASI grants for the first time in FFY 2008.

DHS staff indicated that it limits the amount of increase or decrease in an area's UASI grant. For FFY 2008, the maximum decrease was limited to three percent. County and City of Los Angeles staff have begun working with our Congressional delegation to obtain a better understanding of the methodology and data used by DHS to calculate UASI grant awards under its risk-based allocation formula.

California's SHSGP allocation increased to \$110,090,000 in FFY 2008, up from a combined total of \$95,730,000 in FFY 2007 SHSGP and Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP) funding. LETPP was eliminated as a separate program

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and replaced with a new requirement that at least 25 percent of total SHSGP and UASI funding be spent on law enforcement terrorism prevention activities. The State's share of total SHSGP funds increased to 12.8 percent in FFY 2008 from 11.0 percent in the prior year. States are required to pass through at least 80 percent of its SHSGP funding to local governments. The State of California has indicated that it will announce its allocations to counties by the end of the month. DHS also announced that each eligible local jurisdiction, including the County, will receive a FFY 2008 Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) grant of \$321,221, up from \$258,145 in the prior year.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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